(c) The Government has ulready ss-lablished the Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Academy at Fursatganj for imparting training to pilots apart from the Flying Culbs. The pilots are checked for their proficiency by the DGCA 'approved Examiners.

Recruitment *dl* the Pharmacists in the Country

2297. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) what is the annual requirement of Pharmacists in the country and the number Of diploma pharmacists comes out from the Government 'private institutions every year;

(b) wha$_t$'s ^{the} number of Govern ment and private institutions imparting pharmacy education in t'ne country; and

(c) what is the criteria of admission and whether capitation fee rather than merit i$_s$ counted for such admission, if so, what steps Government propose to lake in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE;: (a) to (c) According to the information available with the Pnar-maey Council of India, there are 77 Government institutions and '43 private institutions which impart Pharmacy educ a t i o n upto diploma level to about 10697 students per year. However, no reliable information of the annu'al requirement of the Pharmacists in the country and iinnual out-turn of the diploma pharmacists in the country is available. As per the guidelines issued by the Phar-macy Council of India, a person having passed matriculation examination or a secondary school leaving examination wi'h chemistry, physics a.id mathematics is eligible for admission to the two year's diploma course in Pharmacy. A person having higher qualification cm. however be admitted directly ^ the second year of the diploma pharmacy course and as such can qualify diploma after one year of education. The Council has decided, in principle, to fix 45 per cent as the minimum pass marks in the entrance examination as a pre-requisite for admission to D. Pharm course.

According to the available information, the selection of candidates is primarily by merit although it cannot be ruled out that some institutions may be charging capitation fees, tinder the existing provisions of Pharmacy Act, 1948, fne Central Govt. or the Pharmacy Council of India do not have any powers to prevent charging of capitation fees.

Appointment of personnel in Pondicherry University

2298. SHRI T. R. BALU;
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY;

Will the Minister of HUMAN RE-SOURCE DEVELOPMENT he pleased to state.-

(a) what is the manner in which the acdemic personnels have been appointed in the Pondicherry University since its esta-lishment: the faculty-wise details thereof: of;

(b) what is the number of non-academic personnels appointed so far, category-wise figures;

(c) how many courses have been in-troduced and the number of students en-rolled in each course so far; and

(d) what new courses are proposed to be introduced in the near future and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT rSHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) According to the information furnished by the Pondicherry University, appointments to Teaching posts in the University are